

**ROLAND PARK CIVIC LEAGUE
MINUTES of APRIL MEETING**

4.3.19

In Attendance: Bob Connors, Anne Stuzin, Chris McSherry, Chris Cortright, Richard Bruno, Mary Kay Battafarano, Cara Kohler, Steve Grantz, Tom Carlson, Ashley Handwerk, Ann-Baron Carneal, Kristin Herber, Jen Viglucci, Ed Goodlander

Absent: Blair Storzer, Dan Motz, Trish Carroll, Dan McIntyre

Meeting was called to order at 7:07 PM. Anne Stuzin taking minutes in absence of the Secretary.

Routine Business

- Bob Connors made his opening remarks.
- Sergeant Amy Street of the Northern District PD was in attendance with two officers. There was a discussion of speed reinforcement on Roland Avenue, with Sergeant Street explaining the limits of actual police department monitoring due to limited staffing. She said she would let shift commanders know of concerns so that they can try and send a squad car towards RPEMS area during school commute. Bob Connors also made the suggestion that the community help raise awareness of the 25MPH speed limit, reminding their family members and neighbors.
- Robert Ginyard of Councilwoman Sharon Middleton's office introduced Edwin Lane, their new community liaison. Robert joined the discussion of speed enforcement on Roland Avenue, suggesting he would follow up on the installation of a 2nd pair of speed cameras, as has been promised by DOT. There was some discussion on the best placement of speed cameras, whether in pair or staggered.
- February and March minutes were approved.

New Business

- BUILD and Thread follow up: Bob reported no current action on the Civic League joining BUILD. Thread materials were again made available to residents who might be interested in joining the organization.
- Spring Event-Egg Roll: Ann-Baron Carneal reported event is on for April 20th at 10:30a.m.
- Update on Roland Avenue Safety: Bob reported on the events of Friday, March 29th and Mayor's decision to restore Roland Avenue to its pre-2016 configuration. A robust and lengthy discussion ensued, with many questions and comments from the audience regarding continued concerns for speed and safety on Roland Avenue, and the identification of "lower stress" routes for bikers, especially kids getting to school. Specifically, residents raised concerns, including: traffic speed over the posted 25 mph, which has been exacerbated by the repaving on Roland Avenue and desire for identification of safe routes to school for young cyclists before moving the path. Suggestions for an alternative space for the path included Church Lane or one of the other roadways that run parallel to Roland Avenue. There was also support for and resistance to the proposed road diet.
- Board member Kristin Herber proposed a motion as follows, which motion was seconded by Chris Cortwright:
"That the Board ask the acting Mayor not to remove the current bike infrastructure until a safe alternative can be clearly articulated that would allow neighborhood children to bike to their schools and other neighborhood destinations in a safe manner."

Vote called for and outcome stated by non-Board member, Kurt Overton. Motion approved 7 (For), 4 (Against), 3 (Abstained), and 4 (Absent). Bob Connors to follow up on next steps with the motion.

- Annual Meeting 5/15/19: Bob Connors reported that meeting is set for 7-9PM at RPEMS. William E. Kirwan, chair of the Commission on Innovation and Excellence in Education, will be keynote speaker.
- Roland Park Spring Celebration: Event is on for 4/26. Mary Page Michel encouraged people buy their tickets, and consider a donation of bottles of wine (\$20+) for the popular wine auction.
- Project Clean Stream in Centennial Park: Paula Dube reported that the event is on for 4/6 9-12, and handed out a flyer with more details.
- Strategic Communications: Bob Connors encouraged board members to continue to sign up for various initiatives identified at our March special meeting.
- Signage for Johnny's: Chris McSherry reported on Tony Foreman's request to create better signage for his business. He is interested in hanging a sign on an existing post at the entrance to the RP Shopping Center. After discussion it was approved by the Board that pending:
 - review of final sign design and agreement (to be drafted by Chris) on a 1-time waiver on existing covenant criteria, Tony can create a sign for Johnny's.
 - sign post is not to be painted, and the design of the sign needs to be in keeping with neighborhood standards (i.e. path signs?).
 - there is to be no lighting on the sign, as there is concern about too much illumination on Roland Ave as it is.

Committee Reports

- a. Architectural Review: Tom Carlson reported that color samples for the shopping center walls and windows were approved at March meeting. CHAP still needs to approve this.

- b. Nominating: Anne Stuzin reported that things are well in hand for the '19-'20 term slate, with all major positions filled. Looking to add two new At-Large reps.
- c. Finance: Jen Viglucci reported that RPCL/RM are within budget guidelines for first 10 months of the fiscal year. Fee collections for RPCL are flat YTD and RM is up slightly. We continue to look for ways to streamline the collection process and increase our fee revenue from delinquent households. More to follow at the annual meeting. Discussion followed regarding RM's current budget with the Maintenance Committee and the need for additional resources in 2019/2020 due to an increasing project list.
- d. Audit -no report
- e. Social: Ann-Baron reported that more welcome bags to be dropped off to plat reps for distribution.
- f. Maintenance: see comment in point C above.
- g. GRPMP: Bob commented that the master plan should be re-visited with a focus on improving bike infrastructure in Roland Park.
- h. Land Use/Zoning: no report
- i. Public Safety - no report
- j. Traffic and Transportation - no report
- k. Landscape Committee (RPCF): Kathy Hudson reported that 50 trees will be delivered for spring planting in Roland Park to households that have paid full Roads and Maintenance fees. April 9 is the next landscape committee meeting. Tom McGilloway from Mahan Rykiel will be there to talk about plans for Oakdale Meadow, area around the TKF bench and another area at the south entrance. Andrew Marani reported that the hose test on Stony Run is showing results that will be used to help relieve flooding in that area. Will continue to monitor.

*Meeting was adjourned at 8:57PM